

## WOMAN GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Severely Punished for Her Inhuman Treatment of a Girl Sixteen Years Old.

### A MONSTROUS WHIPPING

Woman Leaps From Third-Story Window to Escape Flames of an Exploded Lamp.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 8.—For inhumanly beating Lillie Davis, a pretty sixteen-year-old girl, whom she admits is her niece, but who claims to be her daughter, Mrs. Annie Whaley was today given five years in the penitentiary at hard labor by a jury in the Corporation Court.

A new trial was denied her. She is a thin and delicate woman, who does not look like a monster, but the girl's back and shoulders are, nevertheless, covered with welts and deep seamed scars that will never go away. She told the court that she had been struck by Mrs. Whaley with an iron poker and knocked senseless.

The last beating she received, was administered because she left the room in which she had been locked without food, to accept the invitation of a neighbor, a Mrs. Christian, to dine with her.

When Mrs. Whaley returned and found that the girl had been disobedient, she took her into the woods, where her screams could not be heard, stripped her to the waist and beat her with sticks. It was then that the protection of the authorities was invoked by her girl.

Mrs. Whaley admitted having beaten her, but said that the girl had often declared that she could live without working, and that she had beaten her to keep her from going to the bad. The Commonwealth made a very strong fight and demanded severe penalties, which resulted in the unexpected sentence. Mrs. Whaley was only fined \$5 in the Police Court. An appeal has been noted by her counsel.

**FORGED WIFE'S WILL.**  
The Supreme Court has granted a writ of error in the case of C. C. Johnson, charged with forging his wife's will, in which all her property was left to him and her own family out-poor with her wardrobe. The question of expert testimony on handwriting was one of the points on which Johnson was given another chance to keep out of the penitentiary.

An awful result of snow-balling, was the accident which befell John Crosby, a driver employed by O. L. Williams, Jr. who was on the box of a carriage in a funeral procession, when a snow-ball struck him in the eye, knocking out the organ and hurling him from his seat.

**JUMPED THREE STORIES.**  
Miss Julia Ridley leaped from a third-story window in the boarding-house No. 20 Middle Street, Portsmouth, last night, when an oil stove exploded in a hallway, and escaped with a broken ankle. The way to safety through the hallway being cut off by smoke and flame, she leaped from the window. A porch fifteen feet below broke the force of the fall and probably saved her life.

**ICY HIGHLAND.**  
Thrilling Accidents to Teams on Mountain Roads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MONTEHEY, Va., Jan. 8.—While there have been no fatal accidents as a result of the icy mountain roads, tales of adventure and recitals of hair-breadth escapes are heard from every quarter. Travel, for the present, is virtually suspended, except in cases where necessity demands it.

A gentleman by name of Davis, from Bath county, had a marvelous escape near the Bath-Highland line, his horse and buggy going over a sixty foot embankment, lodging just at the river's brink. The horse was very rough shod and kept his footing most of the way, being dragged down by the weight of the buggy.

Mr. Nuckolls, a commercial man, representing a Baltimore firm, while descending a ridge near Doe hill, slipped over the road, his large wagon turning a rear somersault, carrying the two horses with it. The team landed ten feet below, one on top of the other, underneath the wreck. With the assistance of some farmers, the one animal was gotten off, when the wagon and remaining horse slid on down the incline, more than fifty feet.

The young salesman and his driver escaped injury and came into Monterey with a crippled turnout for repairs. This was his first experience as a mountain "drummer."

**Henley a Candidate.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Jan. 8.—Mr. N. L. Henley, who has been detained at his home this week on account of the illness of his little son, who has typhoid fever, is still a candidate for circuit judge, and says that he has not withdrawn from the fight as his absence from Richmond might indicate.

He further stated that there is no truth in the rumor that Kings' Mill farm has been sold.

Judge Henry B. Warren, of James City county, has sold two hundred acres of the tract of land known as Warrenton, to Mr. C. C. Branch, of Roanoke, for \$4,000.

**Journal of Commerce.**  
The Journal of Commerce is a new publication just issued in Richmond by the Harris Publishing Company in the interest of trade and commerce, and it contains sixteen pages, full of bright, readable matter, in this line.

The publication is issued monthly, and has bright prospects before it.

**THEY STAND THE LAUNDRY**

**GROTON 2 FOR 25¢**

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## GASTRIC FEVER CURED

PROMINENT AND POPULAR SOUTH-EAST LADY SAYS SHE FOUND QUICK RELIEF IN—

## MUNYON'S PAW-PAW



PAW-PAW CREATES APPETITE AND CURES GASTRIC FEVER

Munyon's Paw-Paw has done for me what doctors could not or did not do. It has made me eat and sleep and feel like a new man. I was suffering from gastric fever, severe stomach troubles and long standing dyspepsia. I could not eat, I could not sleep and was miserable. This has been the case for two years. Finally I was thrown into Gastric Fever. The sight of food would make me sick. I could not sleep and was miserable. A sample of Munyon's Paw-Paw was given me by a friend, and I found instant relief from it. I then purchased a bottle and began using it. It is not yet at this date—finished, and I am simply surprised at the result. My insomnia is all gone, my stomach trouble has left me, my fever has disappeared, and my appetite is such that I can eat anything and everything, relish and digest it, and I now enjoy life as one should.

(Signed) Mrs. H. THOMPSON,  
731 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va.  
If you have dyspepsia, try it.  
If you are nervous, try it.  
If you are despondent, try it.  
If you are weak and run down, try it.  
Cast away all tonics, all medicines, all stimulants and let Munyon's Paw-Paw do its work. It will lift you into the high altitudes of hope and hold you there. It will give you a new life without intoxication. Sold by all druggists. Large bottles \$1. Paw-Paw Laxative Pills 25c. a bottle.

## TAKEN TO DEAD ROOM, BUT RALLIED

A Charming Young Girl Undergoes Many Operations for Terrible Disease.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, Va., Jan. 8.—Miss Nolen Shumate, a charming young girl of Annet, this county, is now lying desperately ill at her home with floating kidney. This little girl, yet in her teens, has been operated upon three times for this disease at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Several times she has been at death's door, and on one occasion, while in Baltimore, she was taken to the dead room, but later on rallied.

At times for several hours she will lie almost lifeless; then she rallies and seems better. She has been operated on twice since returning from Baltimore, and expects to undergo another operation as soon as she is able to stand it. Miss Shumate is well known here and throughout the county, and much sympathy is expressed for her.

## VOTED WET UNDER WRONG IMPRESSION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 8.—Lucian H. Cooke has been appointed consulting attorney of the Norfolk and Western Railroad to succeed J. Azen Watts, deceased.

The grand jury of the Hastings Court is investigating alleged irregularities in the recent local option election. Three witnesses before the jury testified that one of the judges had given him the wrong instructions as to how to vote, and while they wanted to vote dry, they were voted wet. The grand jury adjourned over till Monday, when other witnesses will be heard.

### Fatally Wounded Sister.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
COVINGTON, Va., Jan. 8.—Miss Jennie Mathews, aged sixteen, who lived with her mother and fourteen-year-old brother in the country fifteen miles north of Covington, was accidentally shot by the latter above the ankle with a Winchester shotgun Wednesday at noon, and died from the shock nine hours afterwards. The boy was cleaning the gun when it went off, the entire load of shot taking effect in his sister's leg and cutting the root almost off.

### Fatal Hunting Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, Va., Jan. 8.—Staunton Lodge of Odd-Fellows last night installed the following officers: Noble grand, John L. Hoy; vice-grand, G. E. Bright; secretary, Hugh H. Harlow; treasurer, Charles Wheat; chaplain, W. A. Black; warden, H. C. Dudley; outside guard, E. A. Whitlock; inside, J. G. Dudley.

### Sponsor to the Charleston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 8.—Information has been received here to the effect that Miss Rhett, daughter of Mayor Rhett of Charleston, S. C., will christen the cruiser Charleston, which is to be launched here January 23d. It is expected that a large delegation of South Carolinians will be present.

## TRIAL OF CRISMOND

Attorney R. L. Gordon Refused a Continuance and Withdraws From the Case.

### AN ATTORNEY APPOINTED

Forty-four Partridges Found in a Crate of Eggs and Confiscated—The Shipper Fined.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 8.—Court reconvened at 12 o'clock to-day at Spotsylvania Courthouse for the trial of former Clerk J. P. H. Crismond. Attorney R. L. Gordon stated that Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves was still ill and as he was an important witness, he asked for a continuance of the case. This was opposed by Attorney St. George R. Fitzhugh, Crismond's counsel. Judge Walker decided that the trial could proceed, whereupon Mr. Gordon withdrew from the case.

**ATTORNEY APPOINTED.**  
The court then appointed Mr. E. H. DeJarnette, Jr., to represent the Commonwealth. Mr. DeJarnette asked to be allowed until Monday to prepare for the case. This request was granted, and the jury was impaneled and the case will be resumed Monday morning. Intense interest is shown in the trial, and crowds attend every session of court.

**GAME LAW VIOLATED.**  
Mr. P. A. Allen, of Westmoreland county, brought here to-day and delivered to Adams Express Company a crate marked eggs for shipment to a point outside of the State. Game Warden F. M. Aldridge suspected that the crate contained game and upon investigation, forty-four partridges were found. Allen was fined \$50 and costs for Mayor Willis and fined \$20 and costs for the game. The game was confiscated and sold by an officer. This is the first conviction here under the new game law.

### RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

**Dr. Page Will Soon Announce Date of Holding Examinations.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 8.—Dr. James Morris Page, of the University of Virginia, chairman of the committee in Virginia appointed to examine candidates for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships, will shortly announce the date for the holding of the qualifying examination. This examination will be held at the University of Virginia, and as the first election of scholars in the United States will be made between February and May, 1904, candidates for the scholarship designated Virginia are requested to notify Dr. Page during the present month, in writing, of their intention to present themselves for examination.

Each applicant must be unmarried; must prove his citizenship; must be between nineteen and twenty-five years of age; must have had at least two years of college training, and must pass before a committee in Virginia the "Responsions" examinations of Oxford, which embrace the subjects of mathematics, English, Latin and Greek.

The committee for Virginia—Dr. J. M. Patton of the University of Virginia; Professor S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, and Professor F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College—will finally make the selection from the candidates. "Responsions" taken into consideration scholars' attributes, as prescribed under the terms of the Rhodes will. The elected scholars will commence residence in October, 1904.

These scholarships pay \$1,000 a year for three years. The Rhodes trustees believe that \$1,000 of this amount is ample for a term at Oxford, and that it would be profitable to apply the remainder to summer travel in Europe.

### YORK COUNTY.

**Board of Supervisors Organize Committee Vote for Judge.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
YORKTOWN, Va., Jan. 8.—The York county Board of Supervisors yesterday organized for business. The personnel of the board consists of D. P. Norment, of Bruton; R. W. Sheld, of Nelson; John F. Smith, of Grafton, and R. J. Forrest, of Poquoson. Captain Forrest is the only new member on the board, and as a compliment for services rendered in the same office years back he was unanimously chosen chairman of the board.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic party of York county was also organized yesterday, with seven members of the twelve in attendance.

Resolutions were in order endorsing a candidate for the position of judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, to succeed the late J. E. Hubbard. The vote resulted five for Manly H. Barnes and two for Sidney Smith, refusing to make the endorsement unanimous.

J. W. Walnright and Captain W. J. Storrs were both recommended to succeed themselves as oyster inspectors for District 30 B and 30 A, respectively.

One or two cases of smallpox, understood to be of a malignant type, are reported to exist near Roanoke, Gloucester county. The remains of Miss Virginia Ripley.

**THE MOCCASIN IN A BAD WAY**

Will Probably be Floated, But in a Damaged Condition.

CALL or Write to Us for Prices. PIANO BARGAINS Always on Hand. Chase-Hackie & Piano Co., 131 E. Broad.

who died a few days ago of typhoid fever in Philadelphia will arrive here to-day and be interred in the burying ground of Lebanon Christian Church.

### DOG THIEVES.

The Ice Harvest in Hanover.

Poor Wheat Crop.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ELLISBURG, Va., Jan. 8.—Thieves have stolen several fine hunting dogs in this neighborhood this week.

Mr. E. W. Newman lost a valuable pointer a few days ago, and Mr. Robert Stubbs lost a valuable bird dog the same night.

The farmers have had a splendid spell for filling ice houses, the ice ranging from three to five inches in thickness, and was perfectly clear, as there was no snow.

Wheat and oats are badly winter-killed, owing to absence of snow covering to protect them from the severe cold spell.

The crop secured last fall was unusually small.

Many farmers have had their sweet potatoes injured by the cold.

There has been but little rain so far this winter, and the roads are in unusually good condition for this season.

There are a number of vacant houses in this section, owing to the people moving to the city.

### VIRGINIA ANTHRACITE.

A One Thousand Ton Breaker Opened at the Merrimac.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHRISTIANBURG, Va., Jan. 8.—One of the most important events that has occurred in this section in recent years occurred to-day at Merrimac Mines, when the big thousand ton breaker of the Virginia Anthracite Coal Company was started. This breaker has been under construction for seven months, and the president, W. J. Payne, of Richmond, Va.; Vice-President L. S. Randolph, General Manager John R. Wilson, Director G. F. Elliott and the architects and contractors were present and made a thorough examination, and the architect stated that they had never seen a new breaker start off so smoothly, the breaking and sizing of the coal being accomplished with most satisfactory results.

For the past fifteen months the development of this property has been carried on steadily on an extensive scale, and the judgment of the promoters has been confirmed by the development of a large and valuable body of anthracite coal and the successful operation to-day of the breaker.

### BY GREENBRIER WAY.

Chesapeake and Ohio to Take Short Route to Washington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 8.—The Pocahontas Times, published at Marlinton, W. Va., makes editorial announcement that "in the opinion of some closely connected with and employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, the vestibuled trains from Cincinnati to New York will go to Cumberland by way of the Greenbrier Division, in order to evade the extremely heavy grade between Roncove and Charlottesville. By the proposed change the train will save several hours and go away with the double-headers which are so necessary in climbing the Allegheny, Blue Ridge and other heavy grades. An engine which can pull sixty or seventy loaded coal cars to Roncove can scarcely haul sixteen over the mountain. With the advent of the Wabash as a competitor for the mail and passenger service the Chesapeake and Ohio must in some way shorten the time from Cincinnati to Washington."

### TO SELL HOTEL.

The Mecklenburg to be Sold at Public Auction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, Va., Jan. 8.—Three millionaires from the North reached Chase City Wednesday. Their mission, it is believed, was to examine the property of the Mecklenburg Hotel, with a view to purchasing it. The property is sold on the city at public auction. The hotel and grounds are said to have cost two hundred thousand dollars.

The Clarksville people are hammering away at their steel bridge across the Roanoke River, opposite the town of Clarksville. The bridge will be completed in a few days, and will be a great improvement in the traveling facilities. Most of the work is being done at the factory and when finished it will take but a short time to put it together across the river. This bridge will be invaluable to the business interest of Clarksville.

Mr. Berkley Adams lost a valuable dwelling at Red Oak Grove on Sunday by fire.

### REWARD FOR MURDERER.

Hugh Elkins a Fugitive With a Price Upon His Head.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LURAY, Va., Jan. 8.—Rappahannock county has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Hugh Elkins, who on Christmas Eve shot and killed Joseph Kibler, at Woodville, that county. The dead man's brothers have also offered an additional reward of \$200 for the capture of Elkins.

All adjoining counties have been flooded by the swollen photographs. He is reported to have gone to Texas, where he has a number of relatives.

### Might Have Been Worse.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PROVIDENCE FORGE, Va., Jan. 8.—Stringent orders are being made to certain the burglar who robbed the store of G. W. Broas. As great as the loss was, it might have been far worse, as the safe contained at the time of the robbery \$1,200, which was uncollected.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 8.—Naval Constructor Evans returned from Currituck to-day aboard the stricken schooner, which has been standing by the stranded submarine torpedo boat Moccasin, at that point, waiting to float her when the tides lift her again from her sand bed. He hopes to get the Moccasin off safely, but the repairs to her will amount almost to rebuilding her.

The court-martial, which has been sitting at this navy-yard since Monday, for the shelling of the harbor tug Hawk, by the gunboat Yorktown, which was ordered by the command, is ready to adjourn, but nothing whatsoever has been given out as to the result of the deliberations of the court. Lieutenant Castleman, who is a social favorite, has friends throughout the country who are sending him cheering messages. He is a son of General John Castleman, of Louisville.

### WASHING WITHOUT WATER.

Is Like Trying to Get Rid of Dandruff Without Hair Oil.

Did you ever see any one trying to wash themselves without soap or water? If you did what would you say of him?

It is every bit as foolish to try to get rid of dandruff and to prevent baldness by feeding the germs which cause it, with Cantharides, Vasoline, Glycerine and similar substances which form the principal ingredients of most so-called Hair Vigors.

Newbro's Hairdressing is successful because it attacks and kills the parasitic germ which feeds on the hair roots. It is the original and only genuine scalp germicide manufactured.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. "Owens & Minor Co. Special Agent."

**CHURCH NOTICES.**

**ROOSEVELT BAPTIST CHURCH** (Corner Grove Avenue and Beach Street)—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Subject of morning service, "The Coming of the Greater One"; evening subject, "The Power of the Cross." Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**SECOND METHODIST CHURCH** (Corner Main and Second Streets)—Rev. W. R. L. SMITH, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**GRACE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH** (Corner Grace and Fourth Streets)—Rev. CHAS. G. GARDNER, D. D., Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**BROAD STREET METHODIST CHURCH** (Corner Tenth and Broad Streets)—Rev. GEORGE HANFORD SPOONER, Pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. You are invited to attend. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**PARK PLACE METHODIST CHURCH** (Corner West Franklin and Pine Streets)—Rev. J. B. BETTY, Pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**CITY STREET METHODIST CHURCH** (Corner Adams and City Streets)—Rev. T. M. C. B. BETTY, Pastor. Preaching Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Dr. E. A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**G. M. C. STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (Corner Grove Avenue and Main Street)—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**SEVENTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH** (Corner Seventh and Grace Streets)—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Rev. J. J. HALEY.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH** (Broad Street)—Rev. J. J. HALEY. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER** (Corner Grove Avenue and Roland Street)—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH** (Seventh Street)—Rev. J. H. HARTMAN, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**—Services Sunday morning 11:15, evening 8:15. Subject of morning service, "The Power of the Cross." Reading room open daily from 9:30 A. M. to 9 P. M. Main Street. All are invited.

**FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE** (CLAY Street, near First)—Minister J. M. WATSON, of Indian Territory, will hold meetings to-morrow evening at 8 A. M. and 8 P. M. Public cordially invited.

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If there was a better one  
Crumo would not be  
the largest seller in  
the world

## TO RELIEVE THE MAYOR

The Petersburg Common Council May Elect a Police Justice.

GIVE FANCY DRESS BALL

Sweet Clover Club to Have One Shortly—Wilkerson-Lewis Wedding.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**PETERSBURG, Va., Jan. 8.**—It is understood that at the next meeting of the Common Council a resolution will be offered providing for the appointment of a police justice, thus relieving the mayor of many duties he is now required to perform under the present arrangement. For the proposed office there are said to be already several candidates. In the event of the adoption of the resolution, the appointment will be made by Judge J. M. Mullen.

The Sweet Clover Club, a social organization, is arranging for a fancy dress ball, to be given soon in Pythian Hall. The ladies will wear colonial costumes, while the men will appear in knickerbockers.

The popular comic opera, "Princess Chic," will be presented at the Petersburg Academy of Music Wednesday night.

The Rev. Harry W. Pratt, pastor of the Old Street Presbyterian Church, who has received a call to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., has not acted upon the call as yet, and says that it will be several weeks before he can determine whether or not he will accept the call.

Mrs. Winifred A. Pedneau, daughter of Mr. N. C. Pedneau, a hostess at the hotel, who she had been under treatment for typhoid fever. She was only twenty-seven years of age, and formerly resided in Chesterfield county. Her husband, Alfred A. Pedneau, formerly resided at Jarretts, Va. A brother, Arthur Rodoff, resides in Petersburg. The funeral took place this morning from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

**WILKERSON-LEWIS.**  
Miss Bettie, daughter of G. B. Lewis, a well known resident of Dinwiddie county, was married Tuesday evening to Paul Wilkerson, a prosperous young farmer of Dinwiddie, the ceremony being performed at Smith's Grove Church, near Petersburg, by the Rev. Mr. Shackelford.

The bridesmaids were Miss Myra Williams, of Petersburg; Miss Nannie Wilkerson and Miss Julia Lewis, sister of the bride. The ushers were Everett Lewis, brother of the bride; Mr. Howard, of Emporia, and B. Scott. Little Doris Lewis and Master Guy Lewis acted as flower-bearers.

**Stoffel-Strapp.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, Va., Jan. 8.—Miss Laynia Stoffel, the pretty daughter of Mr. Landor K. Snapp, of near Bristol, was married on Tuesday of this week to Mr. Wiley Stoffel, a prominent young business man, whose parents reside here. The nuptials were celebrated at the beautiful home of the bride's cousin, Dr. L. H. Gammon, Rev. W. H. T. Squires officiating.

**FOR SIREN WHISTLES.**  
Superintendent Thompson Desires Their Use Here.

If the views of Superintendent W. H. Thompson, of the Fire Alarm Service, shall prevail and if his recommendations shortly to be made, are to be carried out, Richmond will shortly have several siren whistles to be utilized in case of fire.

Mr. Thompson is a most enthusiastic over the matter, and hopes that the Finance Committee will recommend the appropriation. It is his purpose to have one whistle probably at the Locomotive Works, and another on Brown's Island.

There are two of these whistles already in use, but they are the private property respectively of the Cedar Works and the Southern Railway Company. Mr. Thompson is of opinion that such whistles may be used to prevent large fires.

### Colonel Talcott's Work.

Mr. Allan McLane, receiver for the Maryland Trust Company, will likely file his report on the liquidation of that company to-day. It is a voluminous document.

One of the principal parts of the receiver's report will be the report of Colonel Talcott, of Richmond, the expert who examined the Cedar Works and Pacific Railroad one of the company's chief assets, and in which over \$500,000 is involved. Colonel Talcott's report is understood to be a favorable one, though it will take something like a million and a quarter, but the road into a good physical condition, repairing the damage done during the last rainy season and preparing for the coming one.

The report of the committee of directors appointed to examine the affairs of the company will also be brought out to-day. It is understood that the committee, which consists of five, will recommend that the company resume business.—Baltimore Herald.

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